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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the Claims be amended as follows:

1. (Amended.) A device for securing knives in combination with a knife, the device comprising two magnetically charged faces, each magnetically charged face made of a magnet, and each magnetically charged face moveably attached to the other magnetically charged face by a magnet support with a central hinge, wherein, when in the closed position, the magnetically charged faces cover all, or a part of, a knife blade, thereby securing and protecting the knife blade.

2. (Amended.) A device for securing knives in combination with a knife according to claim 1 wherein the magnetically charged faces are entirely sealed between the magnet support and an interior face.

3. (Amended.) A device for securing knives in combination with a knife according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the magnetically charged faces are made from the group consisting of lightweight or flexible magnets.

4. (Amended.) A device for securing knives in combination with a knife according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the magnet support is comprised of flexible vinyl, plastic or other flexible material.

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